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## NEW ROADS TO OPEN UP INDUSTRIAL AREAS

CONTINUE WORK ON 5 PROJECTS -- Bashkimi, No 1505, 22 Oct 49

During the third quarter, the "Rruga" (Road) state enterprise continued work on five major projects of the 1949 plan: opening of the new Patos road, and work on the Mavalliaj-Tepelene, Shemari--Kol-Gecaj, Bardhet-Kryezi, and Ghen Palit roads. The enterprise has also finished asphaltting and improving certain minor roads.

Work on the new 6-kilometer road connecting Ballsh with the Patos oil wells has been completed. The opening of this road will greatly facilitate the transport of materials for the Enterprise in Patos, which has had to ship them by tractor, with great difficulty, in the past.

Work on the 7.5-kilometer Memaliaj-Tepelene road also was completed. This road will be of great economic importance, as it connects the Memaliaj coal mines with the state highway. Thus far the products of the mines have had to be transported by animal power.

During the third quarter, 35 percent of the work to be done in 1949 on the 64-kilometer Shamari--Kol-Gecaj road was completed. Because of a shortage of manpower, the project will not be 80 percent completed, as called for by the plan. This important road connects the Tropoje district with the state road. Many more workers must be recruited during the fourth quarter if 9 kilometers of roadbed are to be opened this year, as provided by the plan.

On the 4-kilometer Bardhet-Kryezi Forest road, only 40 percent of the planned number of laborers are at work, and only 47.13 percent instead of 68 percent of the year plan has been fulfilled. Efforts have been made to recruit more workers, so that this road can be opened by the end of November, as provided by the plan. The road is of great industrial importance, as it will connect the state highway with the sawmills at Kryezi.

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During the third quarter, work continued on the Nderfusha-Puke road (the Shen Palit road), which is 64 kilometers long. It will be finished during the fourth quarter if the full labor force prescribed by the plan is available. When opened, it will connect the forests of Puke and Shen Palit with the state highway and the sawmills at Bojana.

Work also continued during the third quarter on the asphaltting of the 44-kilometer Vore-Milot road and the Durres-Lushnje road.

MOTOR ROAD NEARS COMPLETION -- Bashkimi, No 1512, 30 Oct 49

Ninety percent of the construction work on the 10-kilometer Strelce-Shales motor road has been completed, and 8.5 kilometers of roadbed have been opened. The workers have undertaken to complete the road by 15 November.

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